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Identical letters dated 15 March 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has been striving to restore security and stability for Syrian citizens in the eastern Ghutah region. On Thursday, 15 March 2018, in order to escape the clutches of the armed terrorist groups, some 40,000 civilians fled Ghutah and sought the embrace of the Syrian State. That exodus gives lie to all the misinformation campaigns that have been waged over the past few days and the rumours that were spread by the armed terrorist groups about the residents of Ghutah. As they left, the civilians expressed relief at escaping from the hell created by the armed terrorist groups and affirmed their confidence in the State, which will ensure a decent life for them.

In view of these critical developments, the Syrian Government is now opening the door wide to the United Nations and its Member States to provide emergency humanitarian assistance and any other resources that those civilians might need to overcome their hardships and return to their homes in eastern Ghutah as soon as possible.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic calls upon Member States, the Secretariat and international humanitarian organizations to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to those civilians.

I should be grateful if this letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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